

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted supplementary to the previous Amendment and in connection with the personal conference held with the Examiner in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The Examiner's highly beneficial cooperation during the personal conference has been gratefully acknowledged.

It was determined that additional clarification of Claims 1 and 17, the broadest claims on file, was needed. In connection with this, with the present Amendment Claims 1 and 17 have been amended.

More particularly, Claim 1 additionally defines that the dust-collection box which is configured as an injection-molded part together with a machine housing is unseparable from the machine housing and cannot be detached or pulled off from the machine housing to be emptied, while the cover (16) which closes the dust-collection box (15) is removable from the dust-collection box (15), and only the cover (16) has to be removed from the dust-collection box (15) to empty the latter.

These features of the present invention are disclosed in the first paragraph on page 2 of the specification and in the last paragraph on page 3 of the specification.

It is believed that the new features of the present invention which is now defined in Claims 1 and 17 clearly and patentably distinguishes the present invention and Claims 1 and 17 can be allowed together with the dependent claims.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,

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